

Agenda  
Warren Selectboard  
Tuesday, August 12, 2014  
Warren Municipal Building  
7:00 PM

✓ 7:00 PM - E. Warren Septic System Bids

✓ 7:30 PM – Memorandum of Understanding Solar Project  
Status of 3-Phase Power/Cost

✓ 7:45 PM – DPW- Barry Simpson  
Covered Bridge Abutment Replacement Update  
Rte 100 Closure Status

✓ 8:00 PM – Job Descriptions – Dept. of Public Works, Road Foreman, Town Administrator

8:15 PM – Approval of Minutes for July 22, 2014 and June 25, 2014.

8:17PM – Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants

32,135.89      383,341.82

8:19 PM – Other Business

✓ Letter from Chris Kirchen on the Timber Crib Dam

Tax Homestead Waivers

Tierney

Theurer, Jacklyn

Jeffrey Resnick

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**Members Present:** Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Matt Groom & Anson Montgomery.

**Members Absent:** Colleen Mays

**Others Present:** Jack Mosley, Greg Schipa, Kinny Perot, Brian Fitzgerald, Craig Klofach, Sam TV 44/45, Chris Kirchen, Jack Sharry, Jean Sharry, Rachel (VR), Barry Simpson, Alice Cheney, Cori (Friends of the Mad River), Keith Streeter, John Brum, Miron Malboeuf, Cindi Jones.

**7:05 PM** – Meeting Called to order.

7:08 PM – Letter from Chris Kirchen on the Timber Crib Dam – The board was presented with a letter from Mr. Kirchen in regards to the condition of the Warren Crib Dam. Neighbors around the project are concerned about that it has become a safety issue and is an eye sore as it is full of holes and collecting debris. Mr. Kirchen basically wanted the town to take a lead in removing the dam as the Dam Preservation Trust is not moving in any direction. He was not interested in seeing it rebuilt. Mr. Cunningham stated that the Timber Crib Dam is not Town owned and that they have consulted legal council on what the Town can do. The ANR will not give the Dam Preservation a permit to rebuild or repair the dam. Mr. Fitzgerald a retired ANR employee commented that the ANR would give a permit to remove the dam. But the Town or the Friends of the Mad River would have to partner with them and come up with proposal. Mr. Fitzgerald thought the cost could be around \$200,000+- which the Dam Preservation Trust does not have any money and the Town does not want ask the taxpayers to foot the bill for removing the dam. Mr. Fitzgerald also commented that the existing plan of 2003 from the Corps on this project; that the Planning and Development Analysis was completed but the Town chose to suspend the study due to controversy over dam removal. The study will be re-opened for construction if this issue is resolved. However, all federal funds for the project no longer exist. At the time of this study the estimated federal cost was \$314,000, estimated non-federal cost was \$170,000 total \$484,000. Ms. Sharry inquired if the Town could put up warning signs to keep the public off the dam. The Warren Selectboard's position is to pursue removing the dam and go back to the Corps and other funding sources to remove the dam. Everyone was aware that a plan on removing it will take time. Mr. Cunningham commented that The Friends of the Mad River come back to the next meeting and have an update on all the project. As the board asked the Friends of the Mad River to take the lead on the dam and the bridge width opening.

**7:50 PM – Dept. of Public Works – Barry Simpson** – Covered Bridge Abutment Replacement – The Covered Bridge is moving ahead but no definite plan has been approved by all the members involved only a conceptual plan. The board commented that they are frustrated by the engineering that has been spent on going back and forth about design if the Warren Timber Crib Dam stays or goes. The engineer money for this project is about to exceed the cost. The board asked Mr. Simpson to tell them that they need to have a design without the Dam and move this

forward as the Town does not want to pay any overage in engineering costs.

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**8:30 PM – Riverside Park** – Mr. Cunningham updated the board that site visit at the park was successful. The group staked out what should be mowed and what should be allowed to grow up and what needs to be cleared down to the river as they found another good swimming spot, however, there is a lot of knotweed to remove.

**8:35 PM – RT 100 Closure** – Barry Simpson – The Route 100 road closure is proceeding as scheduled and is expected to re-open to traffic on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Plunkton Road is holding up considering all the excess traffic that it has accommodated from the road closure.

**8:45 PM – Solar Array** – 3-Phase Power Update – Mr. Cunningham met with Mr. Dooley from GMP, and has a plan of using the existing 3-phase power coming off from the Warren School which will involve some trenching and poles. Mr. Cunningham commented that Aegis thinks the cost maybe capture in the original bond vote of \$462,829. If Green Mountain power cannot use the existing vault present, then the cost will be a considerable increase in cost. Mr. Ackland commented that Aegis should be responsible for all the cost increase in power installation as they presented the complete cost of the project. Mr. Cunningham commented that he did not feel that Aegis was trying to pass the extra cost back to the town. Mr. Montgomery commented that he is going ahead and drafting a MOU and not waiting for the state to send information on.

**9:00 PM – East Warren School House Septic Bids** - Mr. Cunningham read the bids out loud to the board. Three bids were received as follows: Harvey's Plumbing and Excavating for \$61,447.50, Rounds Construction for \$32,395.00 and Kingsbury Construction for \$37,684.00. The board will meet with Roots Work to discuss the plumbing of the grease trap for their commercial kitchen as it would be their responsibility to pay for that part of the project.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to accept Rounds Construction bid for \$ \$32,395.00, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:05 PM – Job Descriptions:** Dept. of Public Works, Road Foreman and Town Administrator – Mr. Ackland suggested that he would take on the task of revising the current job descriptions with input of expectations received from other board members.

**9:10 PM – Homestead Late Filer Waivers** – The Selectboard was presented with three letters from Kate Tierney, Jacklyn Theurer and Jeffrey Resnick requesting that the board waive the late homestead filing fee. The board will waive the penalty for the late filing for this year, but next year it will not.

Motion by Mr. Montgomery to waive the late homestead filing fees for Kate Tierney, Jacklyn Theurer and Jeffery Resnick, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:15 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants** - Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll warrants as presented for \$32,135.39, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

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**9:18 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable as presented for \$383,341.82, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:20 PM – Approval of Minutes for July 22, 2014** – Deferred – not enough voting members present from that meeting to approve.

**9:21 PM** – Approval of June 25, 2014 Minutes – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the June 25, 2014 Minutes, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**9:30 PM – Other Business:**

Mr. Ackland would like to schedule the Fire Dept to come to the next meeting on August 26, 2014 to discuss the findings of the operations report.

Incident Management Command Training – Mr. Ackland commented that Mr. Campbell approached him that the Warren Selectboard does not have the required training as need in FEMA's requirements. The next section is September 18, 2014 at the lake Morey Resort. Mr. Cunningham indicated he would go and Mr. Ackland would attend as well if he could not.

**10:00 PM** - Motion by Mr. Montgomery to go into executive session to discuss real estate and invite Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

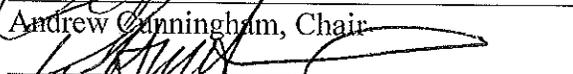
**10:10 PM** – Motion by Mr. Ackland to come out of executive session, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

**10:15 PM** – Motion by Mr. Groom to adjourn, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,  
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

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